

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to NOT support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will greatly decrease video and broadband choices for consumers like me and will lead to higher consumer costs.

The combined company may make for a stonger competitor to cable operators, but it will completely eliminate satellite competition, which, in the long run, will mean higher cost for satellite consumers.

The cable industry is secondary competition to the satellite industry. If you allow these two primary competitors to merge you will be creating a monopoly within the satellite industry and the consumer will lose.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.
Please do all you can to prevent this action.

Sincerely,

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